# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HOME AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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SOLAR POWERED TRAFIC SIGNALS
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**Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage all State Governments to use solar energy to operate traffic lights;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith funds allocated to the State Governments for the purpose;

(c) whether any proposals have come from some State Governments on this subject; and

(d) if so, the details of the status of these proposals, State-wise?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS ( SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a) to (d): No specific instruction has been issued by the Central Government to the States in this regard.However, under the non-plan scheme of modernization of State Police forces which the Ministry of Home Affairs operate on a 50:50 cost sharing basis, fund is allocated, interalia, for traffic control equipment also. During 2002-03, two state governments, namely Karnataka and Bihar have projected their requirements for solar powered traffic signal lights amounting to Rs. 45.00 lakh and Rs. 210.00 lakh respectively. The plan for Karnataka for modernization of their Police force for 2002-03 has been approved for Rs. 160.01 crore including of solar powered traffic signals and Central share of Rs. 75.00 crore released to the State which includes Rs. 38,93,938.00 placed at the disposal of Directorate of Co-ordination (Police Wireless) for implementation of the POLNET Project in the StateThe plan of Bihar has been received recently.